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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER ORAL DEMARCHE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT (REFTEL), FONMIN DIRECTOR INT'L (POLITICAL) AFFAIRS TOLD POLCOUNS APRIL 1 GOC HAD AGAIN CONSIDERED NPT AND CONFIRMED ITS EARLIER DECISION NOT TO ADHERE. OFFICIAL SAID THAT CHILE OF COURSE HAS NO INTEREST IN PRODUCING OR ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND ITS COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION WAS SHOWN BY ITS RATIFICATION OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO.

2. OFFICIAL SAID INFORMALLY THAT OPINION IS NOT UNANIMOUS ON NPT. DEFENSE MINISTRY IS RESOLUTELY AGAINST ADHERENCE, BUT SOME IN FONMIN FAVOR IT. GOC DECISION WAS POLITICAL, BASED ON BELIEF CHILE SHOULD NOT GET AHEAD OF BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA ON NPT. OFFICIAL SPOKE WITH CONCERN OF INTRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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DUCTION IN ARGENTINE LEGISLATURE OF MEASURE ENVISAGING

ARGENTINE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON, SAID THERE IS
NO CHANCE MEASURE WILL BE APPROVED, BUT GOC WOULD PREFER
THAT THE MATTER NOT EVEN BE DISCUSSED.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOC WILL MAINTAIN THIS POSITION
UNLESS BRAZIL AND/OR ARGENTINA ADHERES TO NPT.
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